



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	8VAC40-71
<b>Regulation title</b>	Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program Regulations
<b>Action title</b>	Promulgating 8VAC40-71 (to replace repealed 8VAC40-70)
<b>Final agency action date</b>	7/19/2011
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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

Changes to the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program regulations were extensive; therefore, Chapter 70 regulations were repealed and Chapter 71 regulations were adopted. The regulations were adopted for implementation and administration of a grant program for students attending private nonprofit colleges and universities in Virginia. The regulations provide definitions; institutional application to participate procedures; disbursement of funds procedures; student eligibility criteria; amount of awards; and responsibilities of the council, participating institutions, and students.

### Statement of final agency action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

On July 19, 2011, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approved the repeal and promulgation of regulations for the Tuition Assistance Grant Program. The regulations will be effective September 16, 2011.